GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4480
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000
ACCIDENT RATE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to have an outside agency to study the high accident rate on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-bound report is organised in this regard;

(d) the steps taken to ensure that National Highways Authority of India adheres to safety guidelines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.

(d)&(e): National Highways Authority of India is upgrading the existing 2-lane single carriageway National Highway sections to 4/6 lane divided carriageway facilities which itself enhances the safety substantially. While undertaking detailed design for these facilities, safety guidelines are adhered to and safety features are incorporated such as improvement of intersections, segregation of local traffic in built up stretches by providing service roads, bus bays, pedestrian crossings, facility for parking of trucks, signs and markings with improved materials which are visible in night also, safety barriers at hazardous locations and subways for cattle/pedestrian crossings.